



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

17 August 2021

Ambarrow Court

This site recalls memories for many of our volunteers, not all of them good ones. Today was a good day:

Task 1 was to dig a pond without a liner. The pond was dug with stepped sides, and some water had already seeped into the middle before we left. There was very effective teamwork between the diggers, and the task was very well coordinated. Volunteers commented that they had enjoyed this task. The pond digging was finished by lunchtime.

Task 2 was to erect a chestnut paling fence between the pond and the path.

Task 3 was to scrape vegetation off the concrete roadway.

Task 4 was cutting back the bramble from the edge of the path.

The weather was cloudy but quite warm. 14 volunteers were present.



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24 August 2021

Englemere Pond

We cleared rhododendron from an area near the pond and feeder stream, around the location "homes shin gentle" in the what3words app. We made piles of the cleared material: there are a lot of large piles to be cleared subsequently, perhaps at a future BCV task.

After lunch some volunteers did clearance of *Gaultheria* and birch from a heathland area near the car park.

19 volunteers attended, we were very glad to welcome 2 new volunteers.

The weather was warm with sunny intervals.

We saw a broad-leaved helleborine in flower by the path going towards the site. A beautiful nest made of birch twigs and lined with moss was found with some blue eggshell inside, this was probably a song thrush nest.

We found a small lizard on one of the boardwalks. There were many puffballs present.



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Coming up next

31 August 2021

Farley Wood Community Centre

Task: scrub clearance from hedge around tennis court

7 September 2021

Savernake Park

Task: hurdle making

What's on

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Work party at Nightingale Triangle

Saturday 4 September 2021

10:00 – 15:00

Street parking in Firlands

Warfield Environment Group

“Join us for a gentle 8km (5 mile) walk, visiting some of the areas we work in and seeing some of the sights of Warfield.”

Saturday 11 September 2021

14:30 – 16:30

Free, but booking is essential: book tickets and details of where to meet at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-great-weg-wander-tickets-158430185951>

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